

C H A P.
XII.

the twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, convey unto the said Peter Leatherman two tracts or parcels of land, lying and being in the said county, called Green Brier and Maple Spring: And whereas the said John Kolp acquired a title to the property aforesaid after his emigration to, and settlement in, this state, and before he had become naturalized agreeably to law, whereby the title of the said John Kolp to the aforesaid lands, at the time of the conveyance aforesaid, has become doubtful; therefore,

Title vested,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title to the aforesaid lands be and the same is hereby as amply and fully vested in the aforesaid Peter Leatherman, to all intents and purposes, as if the said John Kolp had been naturalized before his title to the said property had been acquired, saving nevertheless to all persons whatsoever, who may have acquired, under the present existing laws of this state, a title to the property aforesaid, or any part thereof.

C H A P. XIII.

Passed Jan. 15.

An ACT for the relief of Margaret Lucorft, of Frederick county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Margaret Lucorft, of Frederick county, widow of Luke Lucorft, of the said county, deceased, that the said Luke Lucorft, by his last will and testament in writing, bearing date the seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, did give and bequeath unto his said wife Margaret, all and every part of a lot of ground number one, with the buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being in Pence-town, being an addition to Frederick-town, in the county aforesaid: And whereas the said Luke Lucorft acquired the aforesaid property after his emigration to, and settlement in, this state, and before he had become naturalized agreeably to law, whereby the title of the said Luke Lucorft to the aforesaid property has become doubtful; therefore,

Title vested,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title to the aforesaid property be and the same is hereby as amply and fully vested in the aforesaid Margaret Lucorft, to all intents and purposes, as if the said Luke Lucorft had been naturalized before his title to the said property had been acquired; saving nevertheless to all persons whatsoever who may have acquired, under the present existing laws of this state, a title to the property aforesaid, or any part thereof.

C H A P. XIV.

Passed Jan. 10.

An ACT for the relief of Andrew Buchanan.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Andrew Buchanan, of the city of Baltimore, merchant, by his petition to this general assembly has set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes and losses in trade he is unable wholly to satisfy his creditors: And whereas it appears that the said Andrew Buchanan did, by a certain deed in writing, on the twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, convey, assign and transfer, unto John Hoskins Stone and Walter Dorsey, in trust, all his property, real, personal and mixed, and all his books, papers, and evidences of debts of every kind, for the benefit of such of his creditors as might thereafter sign the said deed, either in person or by attorney, within twelve months from the date of the same: And whereas it also appears that two thirds in value of the creditors of the said Andrew Buchanan either possess mortgages upon the real property of the said Andrew Buchanan, or have actually signed the said deed of trust, and that there is every reason to believe, from the letters and assurances of the agents of other creditors of the said Andrew Buchanan, that several others of the said creditors, not now residing within the limits of the United States, will, by attorney, sign the said deed; from all which circumstances it appearing to this general assembly reasonable to grant the said Andrew Buchanan relief; therefore,

A. Buchanan
discharged, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Andrew Buchanan be and he is hereby discharged from all debts, promises, contracts, covenants and agreements, due, owing or growing due, incurred, contracted, made or entered into, by him, in his separate capacity, or in partnership of trade, before the date of the said deed, so as aforesaid made in trust to John Hoskins Stone and Walter Dorsey; and that the said deed shall be valid and remain and enure, fully and effectually in law and equity, to all intents and purposes, and to such persons, and on such terms, as are therein described and expressed; provided that any property which the said Andrew Buchanan has acquired, or shall acquire, by descent, since the date of the said deed, and any property which he has acquired, or shall acquire, since the date of the said deed, in his own right, by devise, bequest, or in a course of distribution, shall be liable to the payment of his said debts; and provided also, that the discharge of the said Andrew Buchanan in virtue of this act, shall not discharge any person who now is or shall be liable or answerable for him in any manner whatsoever for any order, promise, contract, covenant or agreement, due, owing or growing due, incurred, contracted, made or entered into, before the date of the said deed.

When fraud is
alleged he may
be examined,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any creditor of the said Andrew Buchanan shall, within two years from the passage of this act, allege in writing to the chancellor, or to the general court of the western shore, or the county court of the county where the said Andrew Buchanan shall reside, that he hath, before the date of the said deed, or the passing of this act, directly or indirectly sold, conveyed, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, or purchased in trust for himself, or any of his family or relations, or any other person or persons, intrusted or concealed, any part of his property of any kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, thereby to deceive or defraud his creditors, or any of them, or to receive or expect any profit or advantage thereby, or that he has passed bonds, or other evidences of debt, either without consideration, or on improper consideration, or lost more than one hundred pounds current money by gaming at any